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1. SUMMARY: CERTAIN MEDITERRANEAN STATES CONTINUED DEBATE ON ROLE OF ISLANDS IN DELIMITATION. CHAIRMAN WILL INFORMALLY CONSULT AUTHORS OF PROPOSALS TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES.

2. TUNESIA REP SPOKE AT LENGTH ON DRAFT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED EARLIER BY GREECE AND TURKEY REGARDING TERRITORIAL SEA OR CONTINENTAL SHELF ENTITLEMENT OF ISLANDS. WHILE REP DID NOT SAY SO, HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ITALIAN ISLANDS NEAR TUNESIA. HE DID REFER TO ISLANDS WHICH WERE LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF ONE STATE BUT WHICH BELONGED TO ANOTHER STATE AND INDICATED SYMPATHY
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WITH TURKISH VIEW (WHICH HAS SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH GREECE).

3. INDONESIA REP SUGGESTED THAT GREEK AND TURKISH PROPOSALS WERE COMPLEMENTARY. HE STRESSED THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATES INVOLVED WAS PREVAILING RULE; HOWEVER, IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT, BOUNDARY SHOULD BE MEDIAN LINE. REP ALSO COMMENTED THAT SINGAPORE STATEMENT REGARDING REGIONAL FISHERY ARRANGEMENTS MERITED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

4. GREEK REP STRESSED NEED TO FOLLOW MEDIAN LINE PRINCIPLES FOR DELIMITATION. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GIVING ISLANDS FULL TERRITORIAL SEA ENTITLEMENT.

5. TURKISH REP STRESSED OBLIGATION OF STATES TO NEGOTIATE. HE POINTED OUT THAT MEDIAN LINE APPROACH WAS SECONDARY TO AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSIVE TERRITORIAL SEA BEING GIVEN TO ISLANDS.

6. DANISH REP MADE SHORT INTERVENTION ON TWO POINTS: NORTH SEA CONTINENTAL SHELF CASES ONLY DEALT WITH DELIMITATION OF SHELF AREAS AND NOT WITH TERRITORIAL SEA; NEXT, DECISION WAS THAT SHELF DELIMITATION WAS TO BE UNDERTAKE, ACCORDING TO EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES.

7. ITALY STRESSED NEED FOR ACCOMMODATION AND NEGOTIATION.

8. GREECE, TUNESIA, RUMANIA, VENEZUELA, TURKEY, ITALY AND IRAQ INTERVENED AND COMMENTED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ROLE OF ISLANDS IN DELIMITATION.

9. BELGIAN REP EMPHASIZED NEED FOR GUARANTEED FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO OCEANS BY NATIONS WITH GEORGRAPHIC DISADVANTAGE. BRAZIL COMMENTED UNFAVORABLY UPON BELGIAN SUGGESTION.

10. RUSSIAN REP, SUPPORTED BY DENMARK, RAISED POINT OF ORDER AND SUGGESTED THAT PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY AUTHORS OF DRAFT PROPOSALS, MEET INFORMALLY UNDER CHAIRMAN TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES. PERUVIAN REP SUPPORTED BY IRAQ AND CYPRUS OPPOSED SOVIET SUGGESTION, WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED AS WORKING GROUP CONSULTATIONS, AS BEING PREMATURE

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AND SUGGESTED THAT DEBATE MOVE ON TO CONTINENTAL SHELF DISCUSSION. TURKISH REP ALSO OPPOSED SOVIET SUGGESTION ON GROUNDS THAT HE PLANNED TO SUBMIT A DETAILED PROPOSAL ON DELIMITATION FOR ADJACENT AND BORDERING STATES. CHAIRMAN AGREED TO CONSULT INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY WITH AUTHORS OF PROPOSALS TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES AND REMARKED THAT MAJORITY OF DELEGATIONS FELT WORKING GROUP IDEA WAS PREMATURE.

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